



# NEWS RELEASE

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## CALTRANS REMINDS MOTORISTS TO BE EXTRA CAUTIOUS THIS WEEKEND

**CENTRAL COAST** – Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol (CHP) are reminding everyone to drive safely this stormy weekend by taking the following steps:

- Reduce your speed in the early morning hours where Black Ice may develop, usually near bridges, underpasses and low or shaded areas.
- Reduce your speed when Caltrans workers, law enforcement or tow truck drivers are working near the roadway.
- Be aware of electronic message boards and other road signs with information on changing road conditions, lane closures or detours.
- Make sure that brakes, windshield wiper blades and tires are in good condition and inspect your head and tail lights so you have maximum visibility on the highway.
- To report any hazardous conditions, call 911.

Caltrans is prepared to respond to any rain/snow that may hit the state highway system this weekend. This will include the use of snow plows and trucks that can deliver sand to locations where road conditions are icy.

The public may view Caltrans network of roadside traffic cameras at:

<http://video.dot.ca.gov/> In addition, motorists may call the automated California Highway Information Network (CHIN) @ 800-GAS-ROAD to get current conditions for any highway in the state.

